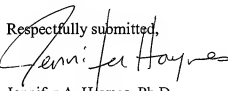


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Office Action (Restriction) mailed September 6, 2006, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I for further prosecution in the present application without traverse. With entry of this response and election of group I, claims 1-8, 9-10, and 22 are pending. Claims 1-6, and 22 have been amended to conform to the Restriction by removing non-elected SEQ ID NOS: 4, 6, and 8. Claims 9, 11-12, and 16-17 have been amended to correct minor informalities. Claims 13, 18-21, and 25-28 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a related application. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional or related applications to the claims of the non-elected groups.

The Examiner is requested to consider rejoining the following groups upon allowance of the group I claims: group 9 (claims 11 and 12), group 17 (claim 14), group 21 (claims 15-17), and group 32 (claims 23-24). In anticipation of rejoinder, claim 23 has been amended to include the limitation of the amino acid sequence SEQ ID NO:2.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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